

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown
245 DeKoven Drive Room 208

June 4, 2013

6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight, Chairperson, Keith Vinci, Marie Hurley, Joseph Carta “present via conference call”, Karen Nocera, Staff, Parks and Recreation, McKenzie Guevarez, Youth in Govt. Representative, Denese Samuels, Youth in Government, Abigail Nolan, Youth in Government

Absent: Richard Pelletier, Elderrean Paules, Steven Shapiro, August DeFrance, Phil Cacciola

Staff Present: Debbie Stanley, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation & Senior Center

General Public: none

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:05pm.

3. Public Hearing: none

4. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 7, 2013, was made by Marie Hurley and seconded by Keith Vinci. The motion was passed.

Departmental Reports:

- Karen Nocera discussed that the Parks & Recreation Department recently had their senior cruise on the Lady Katherine with 180 participants. There was also \$300.00 raised towards the Park & Recreation Christmas Toy Drive through raffles on the cruise. The Park and Recreation Department brochure is out and they are very busy handling their summer registrations.
- Marty Knight announced that there is a new tenant residing at Monarca Place and his name is Bennett Nocera. He is hearing impaired and he is Karen Nocera’s nephew. He will be a good advocate there. He is very close to completing his social service degree.

Old Business

- **Parking issue at 118 Newfield Street Unit 8:**
 - Resolved
- **Sidewalk issues on Newfield Street:**
 - Ongoing

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

- Marty Knight took the opportunity to thank McKenzie Guevarez and Denese Samuels for their work on the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities. They will be graduating from Middletown High School and he wished them both good luck in their future endeavors.
- The Committee discussed the CCPD summer meetings. Marie Hurley discussed making a motion to take the July and August meetings off and then resume in September. Keith Vinci also made a request that the Committee think about some projects that can be worked on when the Committee resumes in September. Marie Hurley made a motion to not having meetings in July and August. This was seconded by Joe Carta and passed unanimously.
- Debbie Stanley mentioned to the Committee that there is a fire system project that is being installed at Keigwin School. She discussed that Laura Runte was asked to sign off on the ADA

component of this project. The Administration gave Laura Runte the authority to sign this document. The question was posed to the CCPD as to whether or not someone on this Committee can sign this type of documentation in the future. Marty Knight explained that per the City Ordinance, a member of the CCPD will also sit on any type of Building Committee. Keith Vinci mentioned that this issue should be discussed with Phil Cacciola at the next meeting. A discussion ensued.

- Phil Cacciola was appointed to the CCPD to fill the remainder of Judy Merida's term. The expiration date for Judy's term is April 30, 2015.
- Marty Knight asked Debbie Stanley if the complaint about the curb cutouts on Newfield Street has been resolved. Debbie stated that she was unsure and that once the pool opens at Vets Park she will find out.
- Joe Carta mentioned that he frequents True Value and noticed that there are no standing signs stating handicapped parking. Marty Knight stated that there should be signage for handicapped parking. Marty Knight stated that this should be researched. Debbie Stanley mentioned that she will look into this issue. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment: A motion of adjournment was made by Keith Vinci and was seconded by Marie Hurley. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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